

"He was very wise, very understanding, very optimistic . . . just an amazing person," his daughter said Friday. He had a quick grasp of difficult concepts "but was always down to earth . . . He always respected people . . . regardless of their station in life."

In his business achievements, Mr. Barthwell was both a trendsetter and typical member in Detroit's growth from the 1930s on. As well, he was a model for what is now a broadly established black middle class, serving for a time as president of the Booker T. Washington Business Association in Detroit.

He was a delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention in 1962, elected without party affiliation and serving on the judiciary and education committees. He was a life member of Detroit Branch, NAACP, and a charter member of the Alpha Beta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi at WSU.

In 1998, Mr. Barthwell was named by the Detroit Urban League as a Distinguished Warrior.

A meaningful moment was being invited to give a black history lecture at his grandson's exclusive prep school, the Lovett School in Atlanta. There, he spoke to an audience of wealthy white people. In the back of his mind were the racial humiliations of his Georgia childhood. He said later the Atlanta experience was a very rewarding interaction.

He loved his family deeply, his daughter and son said, though always mindful of the value of work.

His wedding day was a prime example. He and his wife, Gladys, were married about 11 p.m. Christmas Day in 1936, after a full day at the store.

As his son recalled, laughingly, if you woke up ill, Mr. Barthwell would say: "Get up and go to work. You'll feel better as the day goes on."

The younger Barthwell said his father was a man of "high integrity, high character. To say he was unpretentious is an understatement. . . . He was very egalitarian; a great father."

His grandson, Walter Evans, said "he was always very loving, very interested in what I was doing," and as well kept up with what was going on in the world, right to the end.

Perpetually a committed Detroit, Mr. Barthwell nonetheless saw national chain stores and shopping malls edge out smaller city businesses. The construction of I-75 knocked out the core of a busy commercial area of Detroit. He began closing his stores, selling the last one in 1987.

He lived in Detroit's Boston-Edison neighborhood. An avid bridge player, he was an active member of the Plymouth United Church of Christ in Detroit.

The funeral will be at his church, 600 E. Warren, at 11 a.m. Thursday. A family hour is scheduled at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Thompson Funeral Home, 15443 Greenfield, Detroit.

Memorials are requested to the Sidney Barthwell Scholarship Fund at the WSU College of Pharmacy and Health Services, 259 Mack Ave., Detroit 48201.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF DANICA PATRICK AT THIS YEAR'S INDIANAPOLIS 500

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Beloit, Wisconsin native Danica Pat-

rick for her outstanding achievement at this year's Indianapolis 500. Anyone who watched the race knows that her performance this past May was simply remarkable.

Even before the green flag dropped, Danica amazed the racing world by qualifying in the fourth position, marking the highest beginning position for a woman in the Indianapolis 500's history. When the race started, fans across the country watched as Danica advanced as high as third place. At lap 80, Danica's engine stalled, causing her to drop back to 16th place. It looked like the race was over for her, but she fought back. As the race sped to its end, Danica charged through the field, advanced place after place, and eventually led the race for a total of 19 laps. Rather than play it safe, Danica gunned it out for the win by using all the fuel she had instead of taking a pit stop. As the checkered flag waived, Danica's efforts came up just short as she finished fourth—the highest finish ever for a woman. While Danica did not win this year's Indy 500, her performance won her this year's Rookie of the Year award and helped her capture the attention of racing fans around the world.

Danica's philosophy is that "life is what you make of it," and she says she prepares for races by visualizing herself making laps around the track. She gives her work her full attention, and it is clear that her dedication is strong and her perseverance fierce. I join Wisconsin in applauding Danica for her performance at this year's Indianapolis 500 and for her hard work and dedication in becoming one of Formula 1 Racing's most exciting drivers. I cannot wait to see Danica's future electrifying races and I wish her the best of luck.

Congratulations to you, Danica.

HONORING EARL ALFORD

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, today in Amite County, Earl Alford is retiring after 39 years with the Mississippi Forestry Commission—all of them in Amite County. He is the longest serving county forester in the history of the commission. He has a great knowledge of Mississippi and Mississippi trees and has been honored and praised by friends, neighbors and colleagues in Southwest Mississippi.

He is one of our great tree farmers who possesses not only an understanding of the operations of the timber business, but also a love for the land. He is a conservationist who wants to balance timber and the environment so we can produce the wood our industries need while protecting the land that gives birth to these forests. His service to the community includes managing the school system's 16th Section timber land of which he has managed the harvest of, replanting of, growth of, and harvest of once again.

I would like to share with the House some of the comments on Earl Alford recorded recently in McComb's Enterprise-Journal newspaper.

"He birthed the association . . . If it wasn't for him I don't think it would still be operating."—Bryant Barron, president of the Southwest Mississippi Forestry Association.

"He's forgotten more than most of us will ever know about forestry. Humble, common as peas, but a very learned man."—James Copeland, U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Amite County School Board.

"The Mississippi Forestry Commission and the people of Amite County are going to lose tremendously because we're not going to have him on the job every day."—Richard Hay, Extension Service.

"He's never asked us to do anything he wouldn't do—except boot up a computer."—Charlotte Reynolds, Earl's secretary.

"Having known him on a professional level, I've learned what a highly qualified forester he is, what a great people person he is, what a great asset he is to Amite County."—Lee Wilson, U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Earl was born in Waltham County into a logging and farming family, the grandson of a tree farmer and sawmill operator. His father worked for the forestry commission and after school he would follow in the family legacy. He graduated from Salem High School, Southwest Mississippi Community College and finally Mississippi State University. In 1966 he went to work as the Mississippi Forestry Commission's Amite County forester; he retires today.

Mr. Speaker, Earl and his wife Pauline, a retired Extension Service home economist, have reared two children. Holly Alford is a sonographer at Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center. Mac Alford recently received a Ph.D in plant biology at Cornell University and has taken a position at the University of Southern Mississippi. He has served his family and community for many years and I am proud to take this time to honor him on this day of retirement. Though I know, his service to God and family and man will continue for years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I was with President Bush at Ft. Bragg on Tuesday, June 28th. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: "nay" on roll No. 326, "nay" on roll No. 327, this vote was a procedural motion to provide the Congressional pay raise which I am against, "yea" on roll No. 328, "nay" on roll No. 329, "yea" on roll No. 330, "nay" on roll No. 331, "yea" on roll No. 332, "yea" on roll No. 333, "yea" on roll No. 334, and "nay" on roll No. 335.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, on June 22 and June 23, 2005, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission held a site visit and hearing in Grand Forks, North Dakota, at which I testified. Due to the schedule, I missed rollcall

votes Nos. 293 through 304. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall No. 293, "no"; rollcall No. 294, "no"; rollcall No. 295, "no"; rollcall No. 296, "aye"; rollcall No. 297, "no"; rollcall No. 298, "no"; rollcall No. 299, "no"; rollcall No. 300, "no"; rollcall No. 301, "no"; rollcall No. 302, "aye"; rollcall No. 303, "aye"; rollcall No. 304, "no".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for rollcall votes 326–335 as I was visiting our servicemen and women at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, North Carolina and traveling with the President to my Congressional District. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 326, "yes"; rollcall No. 327, "no"; rollcall No. 328, "no"; rollcall No. 329, "no"; rollcall No. 330, "yes"; rollcall No. 331, "yes"; rollcall No. 332, "yes"; rollcall No. 333, "yes"; rollcall No. 334, "no"; rollcall No. 335, "yes".

TRIBUTE TO MRS. JANIE HOLLOMAN JOHNSON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mrs. Janie Holloman Johnson, a native South Carolinian whose dedication to service for all God's children shines as an example to each of us. On July 13, 2005, she will celebrate her 100th birthday, and I believe it is important to highlight a few of the contributions she has made during her life as we commemorate her centennial birthday.

Born in Timmonsville, South Carolina, Mrs. Johnson attended public schools in Darlington County where she had to walk four miles each way on a daily basis. An avid learner from an early age, she was one of a few students who had the capability to recite her ABC's forwards and backwards with great speed. As an example of her commitment to learning, at the age of 69, Mrs. Johnson went back to school to receive her high school diploma from Old Johnson High School in Timmonsville, South Carolina, taking night classes to achieve this long time goal.

Mrs. Johnson has been a tireless worker in her community. After she received her diploma, she held classes in the community to teach others to read and dial a telephone. In addition, she served as a caretaker to disabled members of her family and to others in the community at large.

Mrs. Johnson has been a longtime and active member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Timmonsville, South Carolina serving in many capacities including the church choir, the Sunday School Department, and the Missionary Society. Her roots in the church date back to her childhood, where she received religious training from her parents and the leaders of Center Baptist Church in Timmonsville where she worshipped while growing up.

In addition to being a woman of faith, a woman dedicated to her community, and a woman who is a lifelong advocate of learning; Mrs. Johnson is a woman dedicated to family. She is the widow of the late Evander Johnson, Sr. to whom she was married for 65 years until his death. She is the mother of 6 children, 17 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, 5 great-great grandchildren, and 1 great-great-great grandchild.

While their children were young, the family lived as sharecroppers and Mrs. Johnson handmade most of the clothes for her growing children. Once her children were grown, she became a cosmetologist and worked from her home. To this day, she is still active with volunteer work in her community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and legacy of this venerable woman on her 100th birthday. She blazed a trail in her community through Christian service that continues to influence future generations. And she has demonstrated, with great fervor, her timeless commitment to serve the people of her community. I wish her a Happy Birthday and Godspeed.

CONGRATULATING MILLINOCKET REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOR FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Millinocket Regional Hospital for fifty years of dedicated service to the Katahdin Region.

For half a century the Millinocket Regional Hospital has touched the lives of all us in the Katahdin Region. Like most who live in our area, my family has experienced the full range of experiences at MRH, from the joy of childbirth to the care of an ailing loved one. Through it all, the employees of MRH, past and present, have provided a caring and supportive haven for everyone and their dedication to compassionate care is second-to-none.

The Millinocket Regional Hospital will celebrate their half century of service this weekend and I am sure the people of the Katahdin region will unite in celebrating so many dedicated years of service.

The Millinocket Regional Hospital has provided essential access to health care services to our communities and I look forward to MRH's continued service to the Katahdin Region. Congratulations to all who have contributed to the hospital's longevity and success.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL FRANK GALLEGOS

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Colonel Frank Gallegos, Commander of the 30th Space Wing and the Western Range at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. Colonel Gallegos will be retiring after more than twenty-four years of faithful service to our nation.

Colonel Gallegos entered the Air Force in 1981 after graduating from the United States Air Force Academy. Since then, he has served in various operational assignments, and has performed staff duties at Headquarters, United States Air Force; Strategic Air Command; and on the Joint Staff. Colonel Gallegos also served as the Vice Commander of the Air Force Space Command and has commanded the 12th Missile Squadron at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana and the 90th Operations Group at Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming.

Throughout his career in the Air Force, Colonel Gallegos has always maintained a commitment to the men over which he commanded. While some military leaders choose not to know the personnel which they command, Colonel Gallegos has maintained a reputation as someone who places his troops before himself. In fact, in each one of his command posts, Colonel Gallegos established personal relationships with each of his Airmen, understanding that such relationships are important to maintaining cohesion, respect, and morale.

Colonel Gallegos is a true leader, worthy of recognition. His strategic, tactical, and operational expertise has served our nation well and as our armed forces continue to confront the threat of terrorism around the world, we look to individuals like Colonel Gallegos to lead the fight. His replacement, Colonel Jack Weinstein, will be given the command of a Wing that represents the best this country has to offer. I am confident that he will provide the Airmen of Vandenberg Air Force Base with the same leadership and dedication that Colonel Gallegos exhibited for so many years.

Colonel Gallegos will retire to Omaha, Nebraska, the same place he met his wife Julie. His time with his wife and his daughters is well deserved and I would like to wish him the best of luck in the years to come. On the occasion of his retirement, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the dedication and service of Colonel Frank Gallegos.

A TRIBUTE TO COLONEL CHARLES R. ALEXANDER, JR. UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGI- NEERS

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2003

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today and honor Colonel Charles R. "Ray" Alexander, Jr. of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. On July 14, 2005, Colonel Alexander will retire after serving the people of this great nation for over twenty-three years.

Ray Alexander was a decorated officer, who spent his career ensuring that the freedoms the United States holds dear are protected. Throughout his illustrious career, Colonel Alexander was honored with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Parachutist and Air Assault Badge, and Joint Specialty Officer.

As Commander of the Wilmington District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers,